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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN THE THIRD MONTH

Applicant respectfully petitions that he be granted an extension of time within the third month, until December 27, 2002, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a), and 1.7, to file a Response to the Office Action mailed June 27, 2002. Our check in the amount of \$920.00 is enclosed for the fee for a large entity to obtain this extension.

If for any reason this Petition is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts, at (781) 890-5678.

Respectfully submitted,

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